



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6419

House of Representatives, March 31, 2011

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 The Military Department shall be comprised of (1) the armed forces
4 of the state, as defined in section 27-2, which shall be under the
5 military command and control of the Adjutant General, and (2) any
6 civilian employee appointed by the Adjutant General pursuant to
7 section 27-31. The Military Department shall be under the charge of the
8 Adjutant General. On or before July 1, 1980, the Governor shall
9 appoint an Adjutant General with the rank of major general to serve
10 for a term of two years from July 1, 1980. Quadrennially thereafter, the
11 Governor shall appoint an Adjutant General with the rank of
12 lieutenant general to serve for a term of four years, from such first day
13 of July and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Adjutant

14 General shall have had at least [ten] fifteen years' commissioned
15 service in the armed forces of the United States and shall have
16 obtained the rank of lieutenant colonel or higher, or the equivalent
17 rank in the Navy or Coast Guard. No person shall be appointed or
18 continue to serve as Adjutant General after reaching the age of sixty-
19 four years. The Adjutant General may be suspended or removed by
20 the Governor in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-11, 4-12
21 and 4-13.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-19
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VA *Joint Favorable C/R*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill, which modifies the qualifications and authority of the Adjutant General, results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6419*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT AND THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases, from 10 to 15 years, the minimum number of commissioned service years a person must have in the U.S. armed forces to be appointed adjutant general. It requires the person to have reached at least the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, or Air Force or the equivalent U.S. Navy and Coast Guard rank, which is commander.

The bill specifies that the (1) Military Department is comprised of the state's armed forces and any civilian employees the adjutant general appoints and (2) state's armed forces are under the military command and control of the adjutant general. By law, the Military Department is under the adjutant general's charge. The governor is commander-in-chief of the state's armed forces when they are not in U.S. service and he appoints the adjutant general.

The bill makes a technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Armed Forces of the State***

By law, the state's armed forces are the (1) National Guard, (2) organized militia (i.e., the governor's guards, the State Guard, and the other military forces the governor as commander-in-chief may designate under the law), and (3) naval militia and marine corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2011)